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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for land acquisition for The Hope Center project in the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, Housing & Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is I Believe in Me, Inc, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 4255, Frederick, MD 21705.

If awarded, this funding would be used to purchase land, at which the I Believe in Me Hope Center will be constructed. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project is intended to directly impact children from marginalized communities. Once established, the Youth Center will allow I Believe in Me to triple their current user base, and add weekend and evening programs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and/or 5305(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

**David Trone** 

Member of Congress